

## **What does this appropriation support?**

It is a pharmacy benefit program for certain elderly and disabled Missourians that replaces the Senior Rx program effective January 2006.

S.B. 539 (2005) established a state pharmaceutical assistance program to be known as the Missouri Rx Plan. The purpose of this program was to provide certain pharmaceutical benefits to certain elderly and disabled Missourians, to facilitate coordination of benefits between the Missouri Rx plan and the federal Medicare Part D drug program and enroll such individuals in the plan. As the program will not begin until January, 2006, details on the Missouri Rx Plan program are currently in development.

## **What is its statutory authority?**

State: RSMo. 208.780 through 208.798; Federal law: Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, P.L. 108-173.

## **Is this a federally mandated program?**

No. This program is funded with 100% state sources.

## **Are there federal matching requirements? No.**

## **What are the expenditures?**

New program in FY-2006. FY-2006 planned expenditures are unknown at this time.

## **What are the sources of other funds?**

Missouri Rx Plan Fund